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In re application of:	:	Title:
Sergio A. Lira	:	NOVEL USES OF
	:	MAMMALIAN CCR8
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Serial No.: 09/780,724	:	RELATED REAGENTS
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Filing Date: February 9, 2001	:	
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Patent No.: 6,762,341	:	
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Patent Issue Date: 07/13/2004	:	
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Attorney Docket No.: JB01066 Q	:	

APPLICATION FOR PATENT TERM ADJUSTMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.705(d)

Kenilworth, NJ 07033
July 28, 2004

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Sir:

This Application is a request under 37 C.F.R. § 1.705(d) for reconsideration of the Determination of Patent Term Adjustment under 35 U.S.C. § 154(b) that was issued in the "Issue Notification" of the above-identified application. Applicant submits herewith form PTO/SB/17, which authorizes the USPTO to charge the appropriate fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.18(e) to applicant's deposit account.

Background

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.705(d), if a patent indicates a revised patent term adjustment due to the patent being issued on a date other than the projected date of issue, any request for reconsideration of the patent term adjustment indicated in the patent must be filed within thirty days of the date of issuance.

In the present case, the Notice of Allowance, which has a mailing date of February 23, 2004, was accompanied by a Determination of Patent Term Adjustment under 35 U.S.C. § 154(b), which indicated that the patent term adjustment is 424 days. The projected issue date of the patent is August 31, 2004. An Issue Notification was mailed on June 24, 2004, which indicated that the patent will issue on July 13, 2004 and that the patent term adjustment is now 310 days. The patent issued on July 13, 2004.

Applicant believes that the patent term reduction from 424 to 310 days was made in error. In addition, applicant believes that this application for patent term adjustment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.705(d) is timely filed, as it is being filed within 30 days of the July 13, 2004 issue date.

Statement of Facts

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.702, the above-identified application was filed on February 9, 2001 and is eligible for patent term adjustment.

As stated previously, a Determination of Patent Term Adjustment under 35 U.S.C. § 154(b), which was issued in conjunction with a Notice of Allowance, indicated that the patent term adjustment for the above-identified application is 424 days.

Applicant calculates the 424 days credit as follows. Applicant filed the above-identified application on February 9, 2001. The first office action, a restriction requirement, was mailed on June 17, 2003. Therefore, the Office failed to mail a notification under 35 U.S.C. § 132 or Notice of Allowance not later than fourteen months after the application filing date, as required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.702(a)(1). According to 37 C.F.R. § 1.703(a)(1), this failure results in 424 credit days.

After receiving the Issue Notification, the undersigned contacted the Office of Patent Legal Administration to inquire why the patent term was reduced from 424 to 310 days. A representative from that office stated that the patent term was reduced by 86 days for filing a miscellaneous paper after receiving the Notice of Allowance and by an additional 28 days for

filing formal drawings after receiving the Notice of Allowance. This resulted in a total of 114 days reduction in patent term from the original calculation of 424 days.

For the following reasons, applicant submits that the above patent term reduction of 86 days was made in error. The miscellaneous paper that the Office is referring to is a Statement of the Substance of the Interview. Applicant filed this Statement because the Interview Summary form (form PTOL-413) required that the Statement be filed. The Interview Summary states that if a reply to the last Office Action has already been filed (applicant filed his response to the last Office Action on December 3, 2003), then applicant is given one month from the interview date (February 17, 2004) or the mailing date of the Interview Summary form (February 23, 2004) to file a Statement of the Substance of the Interview. Applicant filed such a Statement on March 18, 2004. Therefore, applicant filed the Statement in a timely manner. In addition, applicant submits that the filing of the Statement was legally required and does not constitute a failure to engage in reasonable efforts to conclude prosecution under 37 C.F.R. § 1.704.

Applicant also submits that the above patent term reduction of 28 days was made in error. Applicant never submitted drawings during the prosecution of this application. In fact, the application was filed without drawings. In addition, a Preliminary Amendment was filed on December 4, 2002, which deleted all references to figures from the specification.

Applicant further submits that this patent is not subject to a terminal disclaimer.

In conclusion, applicant believes that the reduction of patent term from 424 to 310 days was made in error and that applicant is entitled to a credit of 424 days. Accordingly, reconsideration of the calculation of the patent term adjustment is earnestly solicited.

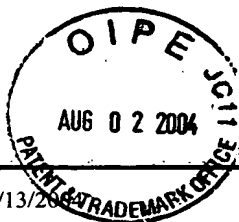
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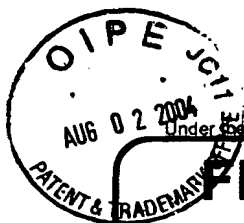
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1202 18	2202 9	Claims in excess of 20
1201 86	2201 43	Independent claims in excess of 3
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1053 130	1053 130	Non-English specification	
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1254 1,480	2254 740	Extension for reply within fourth month	
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1401 330	2401 165	Notice of Appeal	
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1403 290	2403 145	Request for oral hearing	
1451 1,510	1451 1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
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1501 1,330	2501 665	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
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